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SUBJECT: UN FIVE YEAR FAMILY PLANNING AGREEMENT WITH INDIA

SUMMARY: A DOLS 40 MILLION FIVE -YEAR PROGRAM FOR FAMILY PLANNING IN INDIA PROPOSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IS CLOSE TO FINAL AGREEMENT. THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR MEETING LOCAL COSTS OF A BROAD VARIETY OF PROGRAMS RANGING FROM CONDOM PRODUCTION TO TRAINING FAMILY PLANNING WORKERS. THE NEW PROGRAM SHOULD COORDINATE UN FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES BETTER THAN IN THE PAST. END SUMMARY.

1. UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR INDIA HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED DOLS 40 MILLION FIVE YEAR PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR PUPULATION ACTIVITIES

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(UNFPA) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. THE AGREEMENT, WHICH HAS

BEEN UNDER NEGOTIATION FOR FOUR YEARS, IS EXPECTED TO GET CLEARANCE SOON FROM THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, AND TO BE SENT TO THE UNFPA GOVERNING COUNCIL IN NEW YORK FOR FINAL APPROVAL AT ITS JUNE SESSION. THE FIRST PHASE OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE A UNFPA GRANT OF DOLS 5 MILLION IN IFY 1974-75, WHICH WILL BE INCREASED TO DOLS 8 OR 10 MILLION IN LATER YEARS. TOTAL UN FUNDING FOR FAMILY PLANNING IN INDIA UNTIL NOW HAS TOTALLED DOLS 2.3 MILLION.

2. THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IDENTIFIES ONLY BROAD AREAS OF SUPPORT, E.G., STERILIZATION CENTERS, CONDOM PRODUCTION, INTEGRATION OF FAMILY PLANNING INTO MATERNAL, CHILD AND GENERAL HEALTH CENTERS, POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF ABORTION FACILITIES, FAMILY PLANNING TEACHING FOR NURSES, MIDWIVES, MEDICAL COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY PLANNING DOCUMENTATION CENTER AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FAMILY PLANNING IN NEW DELHI. THE UN DID NOT PROVIDE A BREAKDOWN OF THE GRANT BY MAJOR CATEGORIES NOR PRECISE NATURE OF SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR MEETING LOCAL PROJECT COSTS. ACCORDING TO UNDP OFFICIALS, THE GOI DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY PLANNING WILL DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS TO BE FUNDED BY THE GRANT WHICH WILL BE EVALUATED AND APPROVED BY THE UNDP. UN OFFICIALS SHOWED INTEREST IN EXPLORING POSSIBLE JOINT FINANCING OF FAMILY PLANNING PROJECTS WITH THE US AND OTHER BILATERAL DONORS.

3. THE UNFPA FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT IS EXPECTED TO ABSORB FUNDING FOR VIRTUALLY ALL ONGOING UN POPULATION PROJECTS HERE, INCLUDING UNICEF AND WHO PROGRAMS WHICH ARE NOW SEPARATELY FUNDED. THIS SHOULD PROVIDE MORE CENTRALIZED COORDINATION AND HELP PREVENT THE OVERLAPPING THAT HAS FREQUENTLY PLAGUED UN PROJECTS HERE. THE UNFPA HOPES TO PUT A FULL-TIME POPULATION OFFICER IN DELHI TO PROVIDE THE COORDINATION. UN OFFICIALS INSISTED THAT ANY PROJECT UNDERTAKEN WOULD HAVE ADEQUATE CONTROLS, AND WOULD NOT FURNISH FUNDS TO THE GOI WITH LITTLE OR NO STRINGS ATTACHED.

4. THE UNFPA PROGRAM IS GENERALLY IN LINE WITH THE GUIDELINES OF THE DRAFT FIFTH PLAN. THE CONTROLS EXERTED BY THE UN OVER THE PROPOSED PROGRAM SEEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOI. THE UNFPA WILL BE CAREFUL TO STAY AWAY FROM SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROVIDING DIRECT INCENTIVES FOR VASECTOMIES AND MOTIVATIONAL PROGRAMS, WHICH COULD BECOME POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING.

5. COMMENT: THE UNFPA FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT IS A COMMENDABLE STEP TOWARD CONSOLIDATING UN FAMILY PLANNING ACTIVITIES IN INDIA AND PROVIDING A MEASURE OF CONTROL OVER FREQUENTLY COMPETING EXECUTING AGENCIES. THE UNFPA PROGRAM IS NOT WELL COORDINATED WITH THE GOI'S OWN FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS, SINCE THE INDIANS

ARE NOW CONSIDERABLY REVAMPING THEIR POPULATION CONTROL PROGRAM
WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH FOREIGN DONORS.
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